

**MINUTES OF THE  
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

At a meeting of the **Budget Committee**, held Tuesday, November 18, 2008, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Brown-Chair, Brdak, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Drolet, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegghem, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Slinde, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Haggerty.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include item #8A). **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Slinde, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to approve the August 12, 2008 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**PRESENTATION BY MR. ROBERT FILKA, CEO, MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS**

Three newspaper editorials were distributed: 1) New laws could boost slow housing market, 2) Proposed bill would help Michigan housing industry start recovery, and 3) Retool incentives for home construction.

Three additional documents were distributed, which were entitled as follows: 1) Stand Up

for Housing – A Foundation for Recovery – Be Informed – A Legislative Update (September 11, 2008), 2) Statistical Background on Residential Construction, and 3) Tax Implications of Deferment of Assessments State Real Estate Transfer Tax Reform.

Mr. Robert Filka, CEO, Michigan Association of Home Builders (MAHB) introduced three individuals who were in the audience: Richard Ives, President of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIASM), Forest Wall, V.P. of Government Affairs at BIASM, and Dawn Crandall, Political Affairs Director on staff at MAHB.

Mr. Filka spoke at great length of a stimulus package of bills that they have introduced in Lansing. During his verbal presentation, he overviewed the handouts. During discussion, Mr. Ives answered questions.

The following commissioners spoke: Chair Brown, Doherty, DeSaele, Gielegghem, Crouchman and Szczepanski.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by DeSaele, supported by Rengert, to receive and file the presentation by Mr. Robert Filka, CEO, Michigan Association of Home Builders. **The Motion Carried.**

### **ADOPT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS PROPOSED STIMULUS PACKAGE BEING CONSIDERED BY STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS (OFFERED BY BROWN)**

Commissioner DeSaele offered a motion to adopt a resolution supporting the principles and concepts of the MAHB proposed stimulus package being considered by state legislative leaders; it was supported by Commissioner Gielegghem. The motion reads as follows:

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DeSAELE, SUPPORTED BY GIELEGHEM, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS OF THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS PROPOSED STIMULUS PACKAGE BEING CONSIDERED BY STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS (**OFFERED BY BROWN**).

The following commissioners spoke: Chair Brown and Doherty.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 11-10-08**

Items (a), (b), and (c) were taken separately.

**a) Accept Plan A Budget Proposal as Submitted by the Acting Director of Emergency Management & Communications Department**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY DeSAELE, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE PLAN A BUDGET PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**b) Accept Plan B Budget Proposal as Submitted by the Acting Director of Emergency Management & Communications Department and Maintain the Current Acting Director's Position Through 2009**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT THE PLAN B BUDGET PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND MAINTAIN THE CURRENT ACTING DIRECTOR'S POSITION THROUGH 2009. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

After the vote, the following commissioners spoke: Bruley, Chair Brown, DeSaele and Rengert.

**c) Authorize Filing of 10<sup>th</sup> Year Juvenile Accountability Block Grant to Support Juvenile Drug Court Operations**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RENGERT, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> YEAR JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,406 WITH A COUNTY CASH MATCH OF \$3,941 TO SUPPORT JUVENILE DRUG COURT OPERATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**RECOMMENDATION FROM HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 11-13-08**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$12,284 TO HARRISON TOWNSHIP FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: LAKE/RIVER FUND FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL FROM THE MURDOCK BALLARD DRAIN.

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRECT 2008 MACOMB COUNTY APPORTIONMENT REPORT-CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE OPERATING MILLAGE APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CORRECT THE 2008 MACOMB COUNTY APPORTIONMENT REPORT FOR CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP'S MILLAGE INCREASE FROM 8.3001 TO 8.8001 AS A RESULT OF VOTER APPROVAL AT THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION.

The following commissioner spoke: Chair Brown.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**COURT BUILDING CAFETERIA LEASE RENEWAL** (Item Waived by Operational Services Committee Chair)

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY J. FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RENEW THE LEASE FOR THE COURT BUILDING CAFETERIA WITH MR. AMIR EISHO FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM AT THE ANNUAL RATE OF \$9,000 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009.

The following commissioners spoke: DeSaele, DiMaria and Doherty.

Commissioner DeSaele offered a motion to send this back to the Operational Services Committee to find out the approximate cost of utilizes and when that information is obtained that it be sent back to this committee. There was no support. Chair Brown announced that the motion died due to lack of support.

The following commissioner spoke: DeSaele.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the main motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH DeSAELE VOTING “NO.”**

**RECEIVE DIRECTION IN THE ELIMINATION OF THE PROJECTED DEFICIT REGARDING BUILDING SAFETY (BLUE COATS)**

Mr. Diegel said that they had a meeting with the Sheriff and Mr. Anderson is working with the Sheriff's Department to gather more specific information. It is too late in the year to recover the \$52,000 deficit that they are projecting. They are hoping to have something

ready by December on this issue.

Chair Brown said that this item will be held until a future Budget Committee meeting.

The following commissioner spoke: Doherty.

Chair Brown informed commissioners that no action was needed today.

**RETAIN PART-TIME ACCOUNT CLERK I/II AND ELIMINATE ONE HOUSEKEEPER POSITION IN FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RETAIN THE PART-TIME ACCOUNT CLERK I/II POSITION PREVIOUSLY DELETED IN PLAN B, PROMOTE A HOUSEKEEPER TO THE RECENTLY VACANT CUSTODIAN POSITION AND DELETE THE RESULTING VACANT HOUSEKEEPER POSITION IN THE FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SAVINGS OF \$41,170 IN 2009, AS OUTLINED IN THE DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS MEMO DATED OCTOBER 27, 2008. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**RECEIVE AND FILE FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CLOSURE OF COUNTY BUILDINGS AT 5:00 P.M.** (Requested at the October 16, 2008 Budget Committee)

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Szczepanski, to receive and file the Facilities and Operations Director's Report on the Closing of County Buildings at 5:00 p.m.

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty, Bruley, Chair Brown, DeSaele and Crouchman.

Commissioner DeSaele offered the following **substitute motion**; it was supported by Commissioner Bruley. The motion reads as follows:

**MOTION**

A motion was made by DeSaele, supported by Bruley, to direct staff to work with Mr. John Anderson to determine the savings and how we could go about closing the buildings and opening the buildings in regards to Blue Coats and overtime. With the understanding that we look at standardizing hours and to look at the elimination of flex hours in an attempt to

save money. Further, to come back with a report in two weeks.

The following commissioners spoke: Szczepanski, Chair Brown, Bruley, DiMaria, DeSaele and J. Flynn.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the substitute motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **RECEIVE AND FILE 2008 DEPARTMENTAL OVERTIME REPORT**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Torrice, to receive and file the 2008 Departmental Overtime Report.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Mijac, Chair Brown, Bruley, Doherty, Crouchman and DeSaele.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **RECEIVE AND FILE 2008 REVENUE AND EXPENSE PROJECTIONS**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by D. Flynn, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the 2008 Revenue and Expense Projections.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Lund and Chair Brown.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **DELETE FROM 2008 BUDGET THE VACANT POSITIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,832,202**

Chair Brown referred to the vacant position listing and suggested going through them individually.

Chair Brown asked Prosecuting Attorney Eric Smith to come forward and speak to the vacant positions in his department that appear on the schedule.

#### **Prosecuting Attorney**

Prosecuting Attorney Eric Smith gave a verbal presentation on the vacant positions in his department that appeared on the list and addressed his concerns about deleting them from the budget.

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty, Chair Brown, Vosburg, Sauger, Bruley and Slinde.

Chair Brown asked if there was a motion on the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. There was no response. Chair Brown said that if it appears there are no motions on any of these, then we will just leave them to be filled -- vacant.

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty, Vosburg, Chair Brown, Roberts, Szczepanski, Gielegghem, Camphous-Peterson and Bruley.

Commissioner Crouchman offered the following motion; it was supported by Commissioner DeSaele. The motion reads as follows:

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CROUCHMAN, SUPPORTED BY DeSAELE, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ALLOW THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO REPLACE ONE-HALF OF HIS OPEN POSITIONS FOR THE 2009 BUDGET AND THE BALANCE OF THOSE POSITIONS AT THE END OF NINE MONTHS, IF IT IS DEMONSTRATED THAT HE MADE THE SAVINGS REPRESENTED TODAY.

Commissioner Doherty wanted to offer the following friendly amendments: 1) THAT THE ASSISTANT I PROSECUTOR BE ABLE TO BE FILLED IMMEDIATELY, 2) THAT THE ASSISTANT II PROSECUTOR BE ABLE TO BE FILLED IN NINE MONTHS, and 3) THAT THE COMPUTER MAINTENANCE CLERKS BE APPROVED FOR TEMPORARY POSITIONS.

Commissioner Crouchman stated his reasons why he did not accept the friendly amendments.

Commissioner Doherty offered the following **substitute motion**; it was supported by Commissioner Gielegghem. The motion reads as follows:

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY GIELEGHEM, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THAT THE ASSISTANT I PROSECUTOR POSITION BE ABLE TO BE FILLED IMMEDIATELY, THE ASSISTANT II PROSECUTOR POSITION BE ABLE TO BE FILLED IN NINE MONTHS, AND THAT THE COMPUTER MAINTENANCE CLERK POSITIONS BE APPROVED AS TEMPORARY HIRES.

Mr. Herppich had a concern about the substitute motion as it relates to filling Computer Maintenance Clerks that are union positions with basically temporary non-union positions.

Commissioner Gielegghem **withdrew his support**. Commissioner Doherty **withdrew her substitute motion**.

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty, Szczepanski and Crouchman.

During discussion, **Commissioner Crouchman wanted his motion to reflect the following**: "THAT THE MOTION BE LIMITED TO APA POSITIONS."

The following commissioners spoke: Crouchman, Doherty and Chair Brown.

During discussion, a **friendly amendment** by Commissioner Doherty was accepted as follows: "THAT THE APA I POSITION BE FILLED AND THAT THE APA II POSITION BE HELD FOR NINE MONTHS."

The following commissioner spoke: Bruley.

The motion on the floor now reads as follows:

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CROUCHMAN, SUPPORTED BY DeSAELE, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ALLOW THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO REPLACE ONE-HALF OF HIS OPEN POSITIONS FOR THE 2009 BUDGET AND THE BALANCE OF THOSE POSITIONS AT THE END OF NINE MONTHS, IF IT IS DEMONSTRATED THAT HE MADE THE SAVINGS REPRESENTED TODAY. FURTHER, THAT THIS MOTION BE LIMITED TO APA POSITIONS. FURTHER, THAT THE APA I POSITION BE FILLED AND THAT THE APA II POSITION BE HELD FOR NINE MONTHS.

The following commissioner spoke: Slinde.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION, AS AMENDED, AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DeSAELE, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, J. FLYNN, RENGERT, ROBERTS, ROCCA, SAUGER AND SLINDE. THERE WERE 11 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BRDAK, BROWN, BRULEY, DiMARIA, DROLET, D. FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, LUND, MIJAC, SWITALSKI, SZCZEPANSKI, TOCCO, TORRICE AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 14 "NO" VOTES.

#### **THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED.**

After the vote, Commissioner Szczepanski moved this entire item in its entirety; it was



supported by Commissioner Tocco. The motion reads as follows:

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY TOCCO, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DELETE FROM THE 2008 BUDGET THE VACANT POSITIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,832,202 AS OUTLINED IN THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S OCTOBER 30, 2008 MEMORANDUM, REVISED VACANT POSITION LISTING. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CROUCHMAN, DOHERTY, DUZYJ, J. FLYNN, ROBERTS, ROCCA, SAUGER AND SLINDE VOTING "NO."**

After the vote, the following commissioners spoke: Doherty, Chair Brown and Bruley.

**RECEIVE AND FILE BUDGETED POSITIONS SUMMARY**

A revised Schedule of budgeted positions summary was distributed.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Mijac, to receive and file the budgeted positions summary. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPT A RECOMMENDED 2009 BUDGET** (For December 10, 2008 Public Hearing)

Chair Brown said that commissioners need to adopt this recommended Budget for a Public Hearing that will be held on December 10, 2008. The budget is still an ongoing process; this does not mean commissioners are adopting a final budget today, but it puts in the process for a public hearing that we are required to hold by law. We still have some more work yet to do on this budget in the next month.

The following commissioners spoke: Drolet, Lund and Chair Brown.

Commissioner Szczepanski offered the following motion; it was supported by Commissioner Drolet. The motion reads as follows:

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY DROLET, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RECOMMENDED 2009 MACOMB COUNTY BUDGET. FURTHER, TO DIRECT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO WORK WITH THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT TO COMPILE A LIST OF LAYOFFS THAT WOULD TOTAL \$20.8 MILLION, TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL WITH THE INTENTION TO BEGIN THE LAYOFF PROCESS.

The following commissioners spoke: Szczepanski, Rengert, Crouchman, Brdak, DeSaele, Chair Brown and Drolet.

A **friendly amendment** by Commissioner DeSaele was accepted as follows: "FURTHER, THAT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, FINANCE DEPARTMENT, AND PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TO COME UP WITH A PROPOSAL."

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, J. Flynn, Lund, Switalski, Slinde, Sauger, Drolet, DeSaele, Crouchman, Brdak, Gielegthem, Mijac and Bruley.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion, as amended, and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**  
(FORWARDED TO THE DECEMBER 11, 2008 FULL BOARD)

### **RECEIVE AND FILE 2008 CONTINGENCY REPORT UPDATE**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Doherty, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to receive and file the 2008 Contingency Report Update. **The Motion Carried.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Lund inquired as to what happened to the Pension Fund in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. Mr. Diegel said that information was not available yet.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Roberts, to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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**Denise M. Jacks  
Committee Reporter**